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I am a software developer, a consumer, and a concerned citizen, and I believe that the proposed settlement doesn't go far enough in stopping Microsoft from extending their monopoly into other markets. Microsoft has crushed its competitors and in doing so can be viewed as one of the causes of the current recession.

If Microsoft is allowed to enter other markets and continue its practice of illegally crushing the competitors there, what will the future economy look like?

I ask you, why isn't Microsoft being punished for their illegal actions? How am I supposed to teach my daughter not to break the law, when Microsoft does so and is then given the blessing of the government to continue doing so? Where is justice? Why does the American government spend so many resources going after Osama Bin Laden when they don't even punish the company that has single-handedly ransacked America. Microsoft--by their illegal actions--has ruined hundreds of companies and caused the unemployment of thousands of people. What kind of faith can I put in my government when I see that this will be allowed to continue to happen?

I want consumer choice, I want to be able to purchase software and other products based on the merit that matters to me, not because Microsoft is the only choice available. Please restore this ability to me by discarding the proposed settlement and punishing Microsoft as they need to be punished.

Sincerely,

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